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In re Application of :
Vezina, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/678,303 :
Filed: October 3, 2000 :
Atty. Dkt. No.: 14149-4 "US" :
FC/ntb :

This decision is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b),
filed August 26, 2005.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned January 19, 2004 for failure to
timely submit a proper response to the Office communication mailed
December 18, 2003. The Office communication set a one month or 30 days
(whichever is longer) period of time for reply. No petition for
extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) was timely
requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 14, 2004.

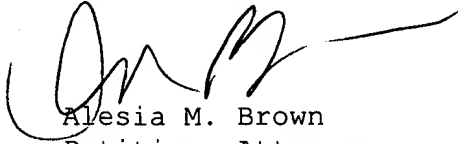
A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1)
the required reply; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR
1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required
reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable
petition was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional
information where there is a question whether the delay was
unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth
in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with
the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely
submit an proper reply to the Office communication mailed December 18,
2003 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

**The Notice of Appeal filed June 17, 2002 has been entered and
made of record. Accordingly, the two (2) month period for filing
an appeal brief in accordance with 37 CFR 41, along with the
requisite fee, runs from the mail date of this decision.**

This application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for
further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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